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4 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 4 April 1968

DD/I reported that Task Force  is negative.

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DD/I informed that working level consultations with DIA concerning strength figures have been going forward and that DIA should officially respond to CIA's strength figures tomorrow. The Director said that he will telephone General Wheeler to inform him of progress in connection with the order of battle figures so that General Wheeler may advise MACV representatives in Honolulu.

Godfrey noted that an 8 a.m. broadcast by Hanoi, earlier reported to be of significance, turned out to be routine.

Godfrey reported that a USIS facility in Addis Ababa was attacked but the police, although they were forewarned, did not come to its defense. Godfrey noted that there are indications of possible attacks today on other U. S. installations in Ethiopia.

D/ONE drew attention to proposed changes by the Director in the China Memorandum to Holders scheduled for discussion at today's USIB meeting.

Carver reported that Steininger visited Headquarters yesterday for briefings on such matters as methodology for Vietnam order of battle computations.

Bross raised the matter of a former CIA employee who has written a paper proposing certain alterations in Defense's intelligence arrangements. It was agreed that CIA should avoid any identification with this individual's paper.

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DD/P provided the Director a State message containing Hastings Banda's assessment of President Johnson's initiative.

DDCI was informed by DD/I that the primer on gold should be completed today or tomorrow.

The Director advised that the so-called intelligence briefings of presidential candidates do not involve CIA.

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ACTION:

1. The Director informed D/ONE that Walt Rostow has requested a thoroughgoing Estimate on Hanoi's intentions with respect to peace talks.

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L. K. White

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